

REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment.

Amendments to the claims.

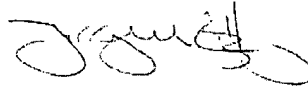
Claims 1-39 were previously canceled. In this amendment, Claims 43-44, 52-53 and 59-60 are presently canceled.

This amendment is being made to avoid claims to the putative same invention in copending US application 10/286,264, which was filed on November 1, 2002.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that no additional fee is due with this communication. However, if the USPTO determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Mendel Biotechnology, Inc. Deposit Account No. **50-1025**.

Respectfully submitted,
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